Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth, and families today is fundamental to the future of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The need for comprehensive, coordinated mental health and related services for children, youth, and families places a critical responsibility upon our communities; and,

Whereas, It is appropriate that a day should be set apart each year for the direction of our thoughts toward our children's mental and spiritual well-being; and,

Whereas, The systems of care initiatives in South Dakota can provide a wide range of mental health and related services and supports, which are organized to work together to effectively meet the needs of children, youth, and families in our communities:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 8, 2008, as

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State